

# MCAL Spectrophotometry

## Instruments include:

- ❑ Cary 50 UV-vis Spectrophotometer
- ❑ Eclipse Spectrofluorometer
- ❑ HPLC Diode Array and Fluorescence
- ❑ ICP-OES with CCD detection

# Spectrophotometry

- The instruments all have in common that they use the absorption or emission of light, in the form of electromagnetic radiation (EMR) as a means of measuring the presence and/or concentration of material in a solution.

# Cary 50 and Eclipse



# Cary 50 Spectrophotometer

- ❑ Mainly used to measures **concentration of an analyte in solution**
- ❑ **Concentration** based on absorption of light (incident minus final light beam) by analyte (Beer-Lambert law) at specific wavelength
- ❑ Need **standards** due to different extinction coefficients of different analytes.

# Concentration

- Based on Beer's Lambert Law that **concentration** is proportional to the **absorption** of certain energy in the form of light

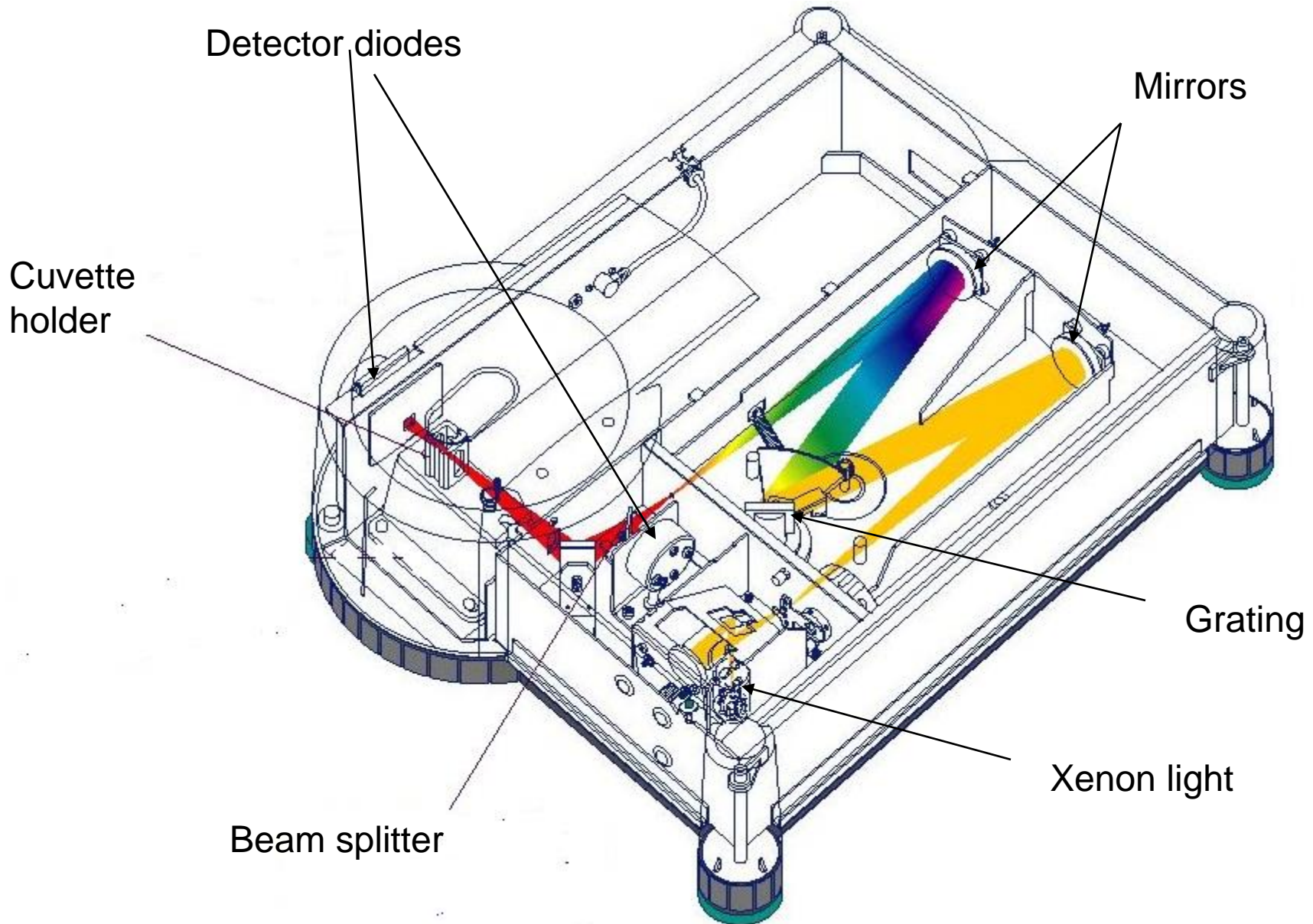
$$\mathbf{A(absorbance) = \epsilon cd}$$

$\epsilon$  = extinction coefficient (constant for each compound)

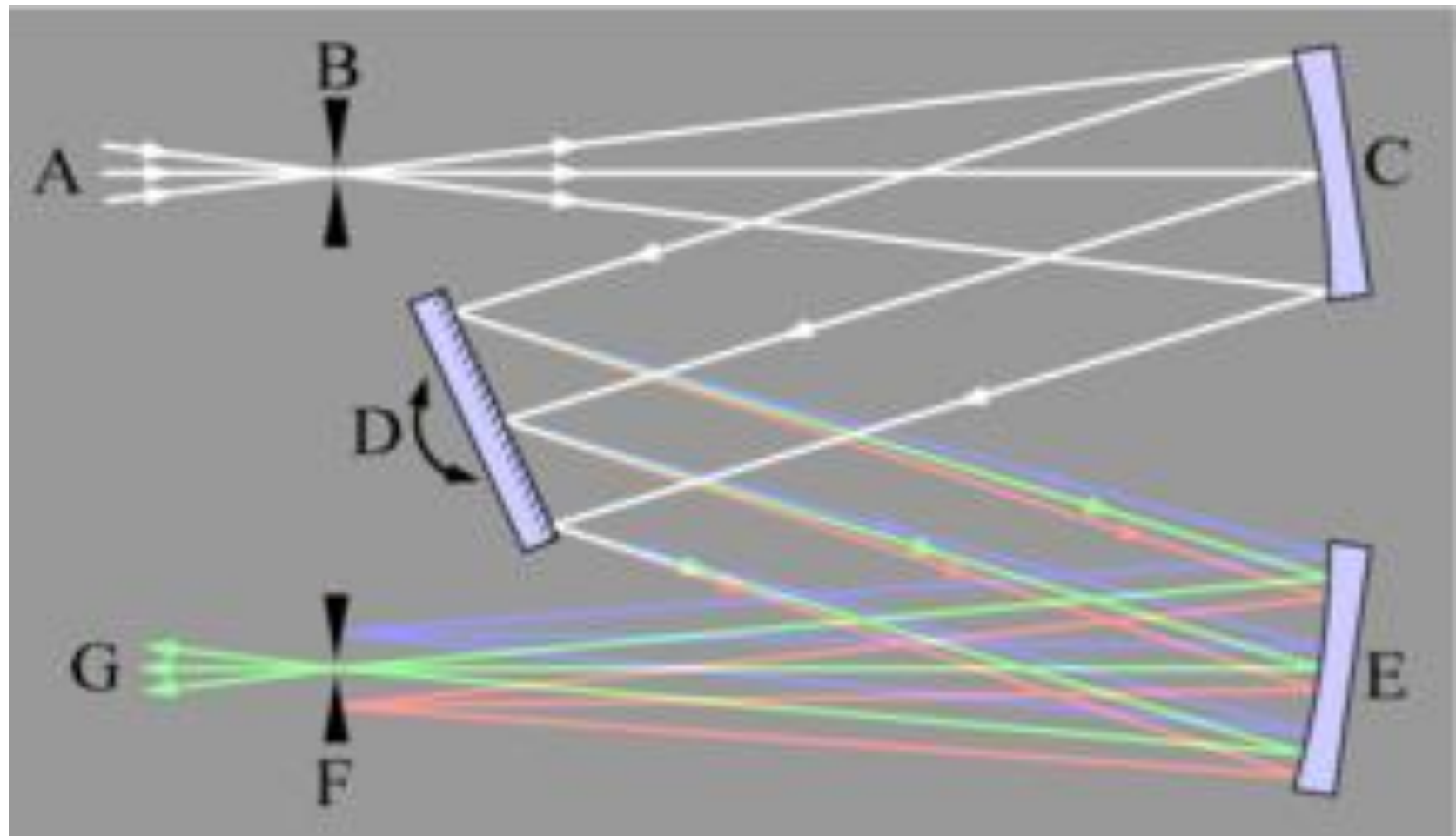
$d$  = path length of cuvette = 1 cm

$c$  = concentration of analyte

# Cary 50 Uv-Vis spectrophotometer (measures absorption at specific wavelength)



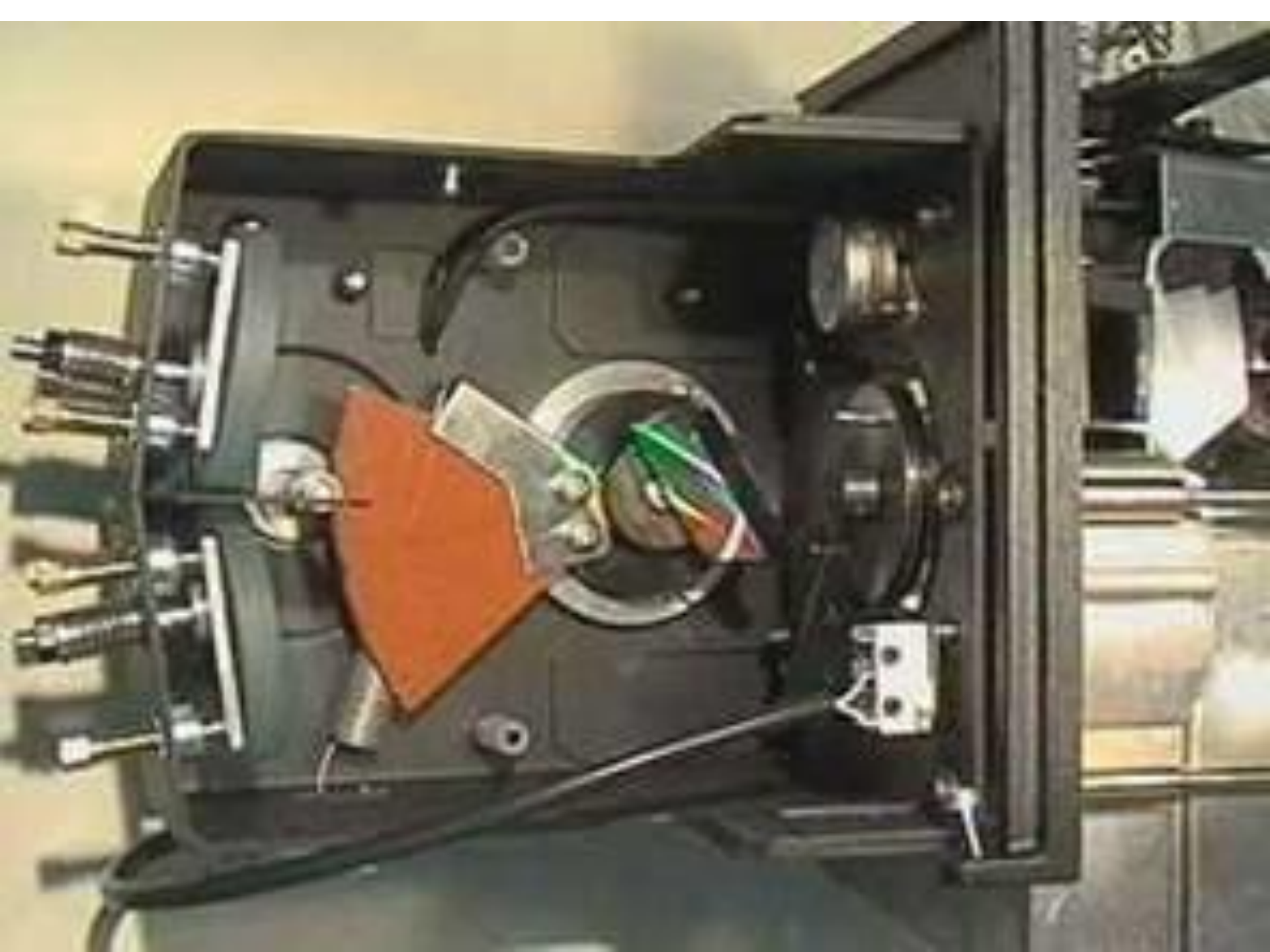
# Czerny-Turner monochromator



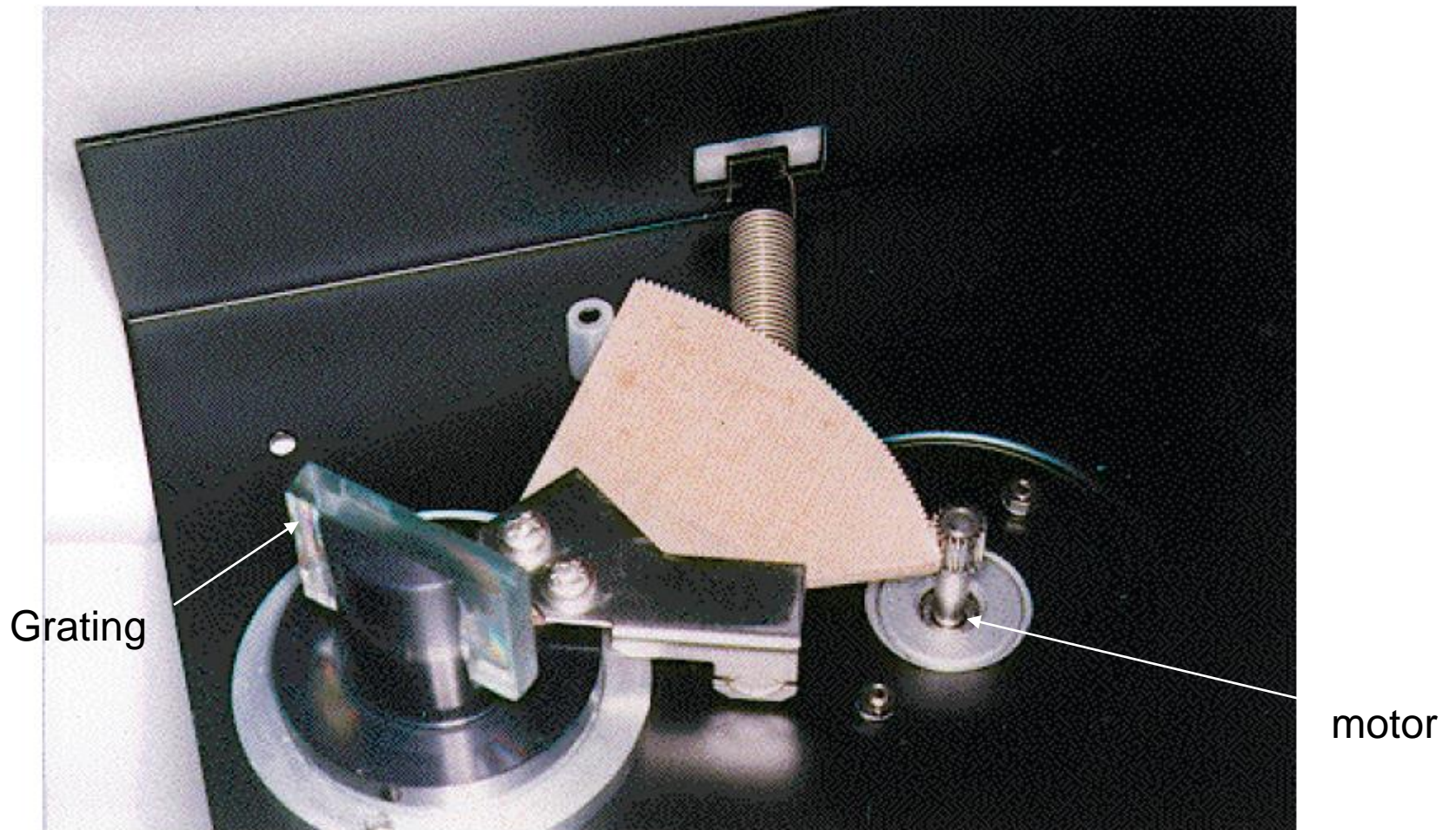
In the common Czerny–Turner design,<sup>[1]</sup> the broad-band illumination source (**A**) is aimed at an entrance slit (**B**). The amount of light energy available for use depends on the intensity of the source in the space defined by the slit (width × height) and the acceptance angle of the optical system. The slit is placed at the effective focus of a curved mirror (the [collimator](#), **C**) so that the light from the slit reflected from the mirror is collimated (focused at infinity). The collimated light is [diffracted](#) from the [grating](#) (**D**) and then is collected by another mirror (**E**), which refocuses the light, now dispersed, on the exit slit (**F**). In a prism monochromator, a reflective prism takes the place of the diffraction grating, in which case the light is [refracted](#) by the prism.

At the exit slit, the colors of the light are spread out (in the visible this shows the colors of the rainbow). Because each color arrives at a separate point in the exit-slit plane, there are a series of images of the entrance slit focused on the plane. Because the entrance slit is finite in width, parts of nearby images overlap. The light leaving the exit slit (**G**) contains the entire image of the entrance slit of the selected color plus parts of the entrance slit images of nearby colors. A rotation of the dispersing element causes the band of colors to move relative to the exit slit, so that the desired entrance slit image is centered on the exit slit. The range of colors leaving the exit slit is a function of the width of the slits. The entrance and exit slit widths are adjusted together.





# Grating Scan



# Varian Cary® 50 UV-Vis spectrophotometer

- Dual beam (split beam), Czerny-Turner **monochromator**, 190–1100 nm wavelength range, approximately 1.5 nm
- **Lamp** full spectrum Xe pulse lamp single source
- quartz overcoated **optics**, room light immunity, central control by PC with Windows® interface.
- **Grating** holographic, 27.5 x 35 mm, 1200 lines/mm, blaze angle 8.6° at 240 nm
- **Beam splitting system**
- **Detectors** 2 silicon diode detectors

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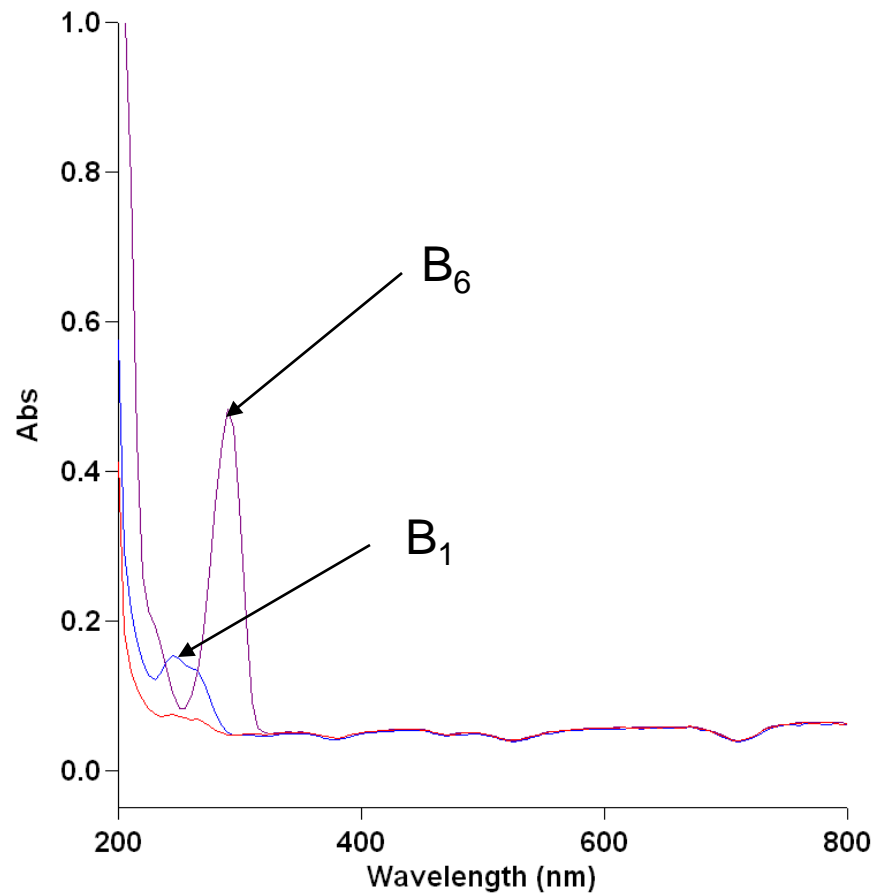
# Xenon Flash Lamp Advantages

- The maximum scan rate is 24,000 nanometers (nm) per minute.
- Scan 190–1100 nm in less than 3 seconds.
- Measure samples up to 3 Abs
- The Xenon lamp has a very long lifetime— $3 \times 10^9$  flashes
- Room-light immunity

# Uv-Vis Experiment

- The analysis involves solving a set of simultaneous equations which describe the absorbance behavior of a mixture of vitamins; B<sub>1</sub> (thiamine) and B<sub>6</sub> (pyridoxine) at different wavelengths.
- The number of equations, and likewise the number of wavelengths, equals the number of components in the mixture

# Scan of Vitamin B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>6</sub>



# Simultaneous Equations

Mixture of B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>6</sub>:

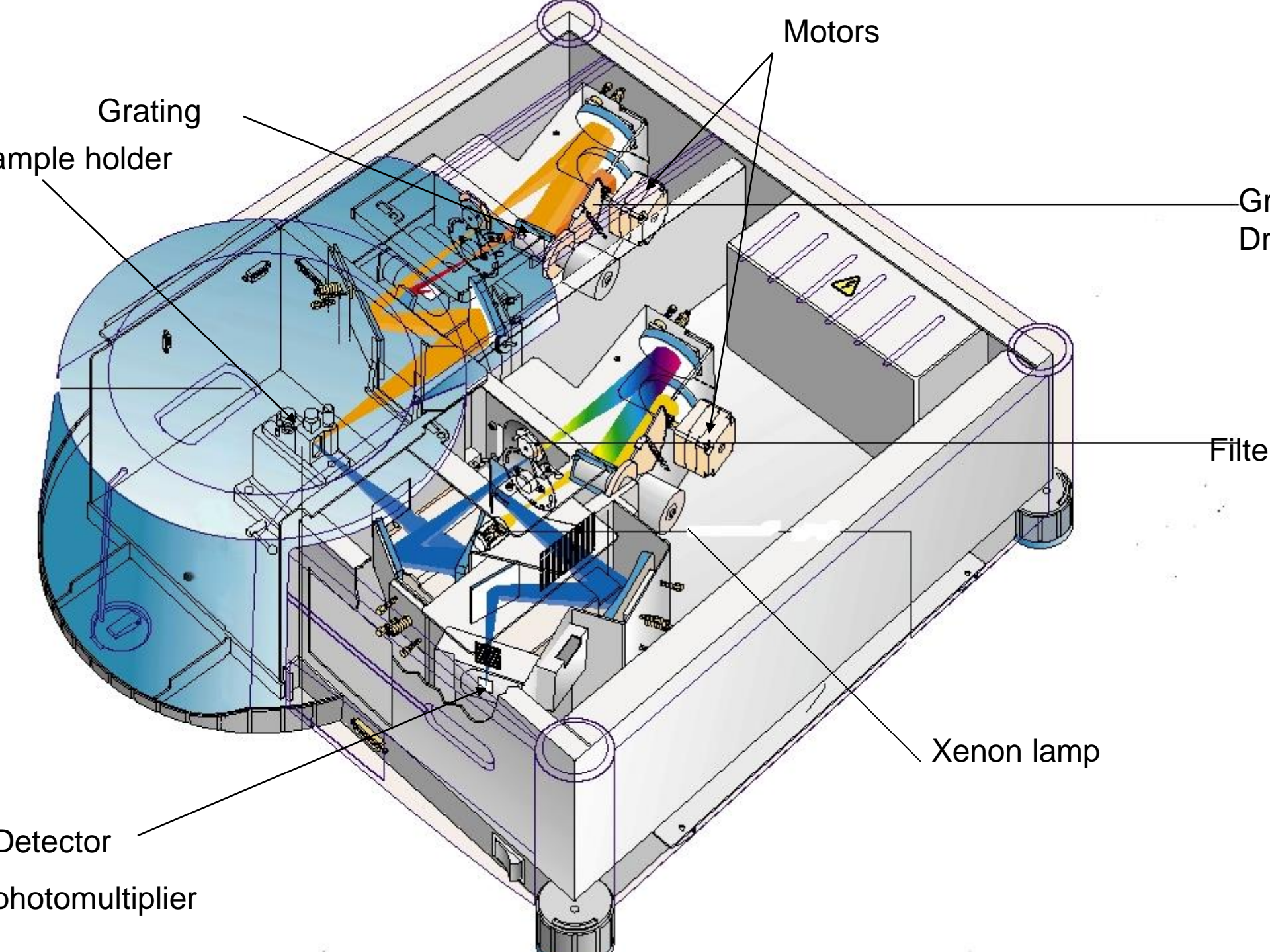
$$A_{245} = \epsilon_{B1(245)} C_{B1} + \epsilon_{B6(245)} C_{B6}$$

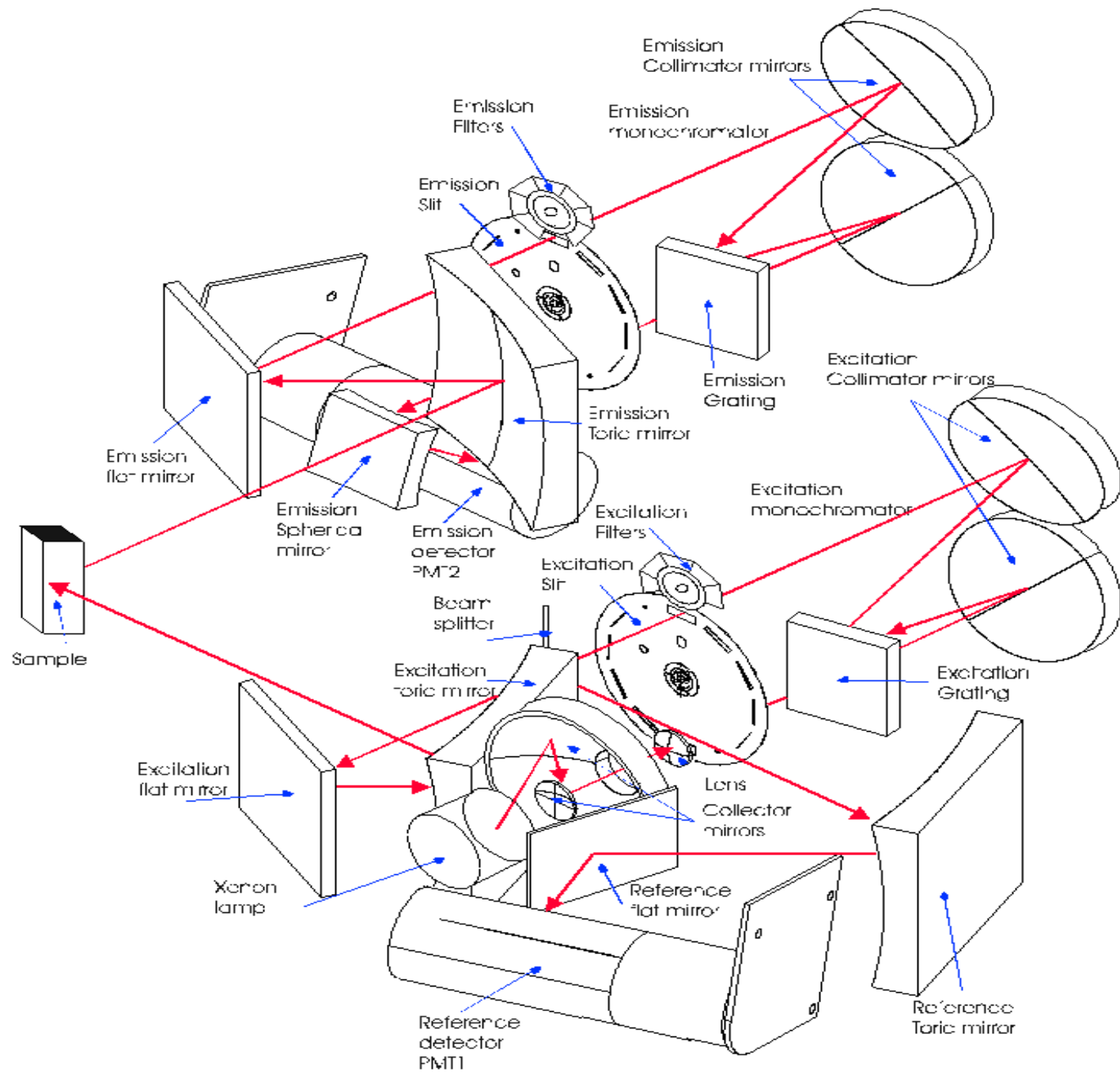
$$A_{290} = \epsilon_{B6(290)} C_{B6} + \epsilon_{B1(290)} C_{B1}$$

# Spectrofluorometer

- Mainly used to measure the **concentration** of fluorescing compounds.
- Advantage - high sensitivity
- Disadvantage - low number of compounds fluoresce
- But - can make compounds fluoresce by binding a fluorescent compound

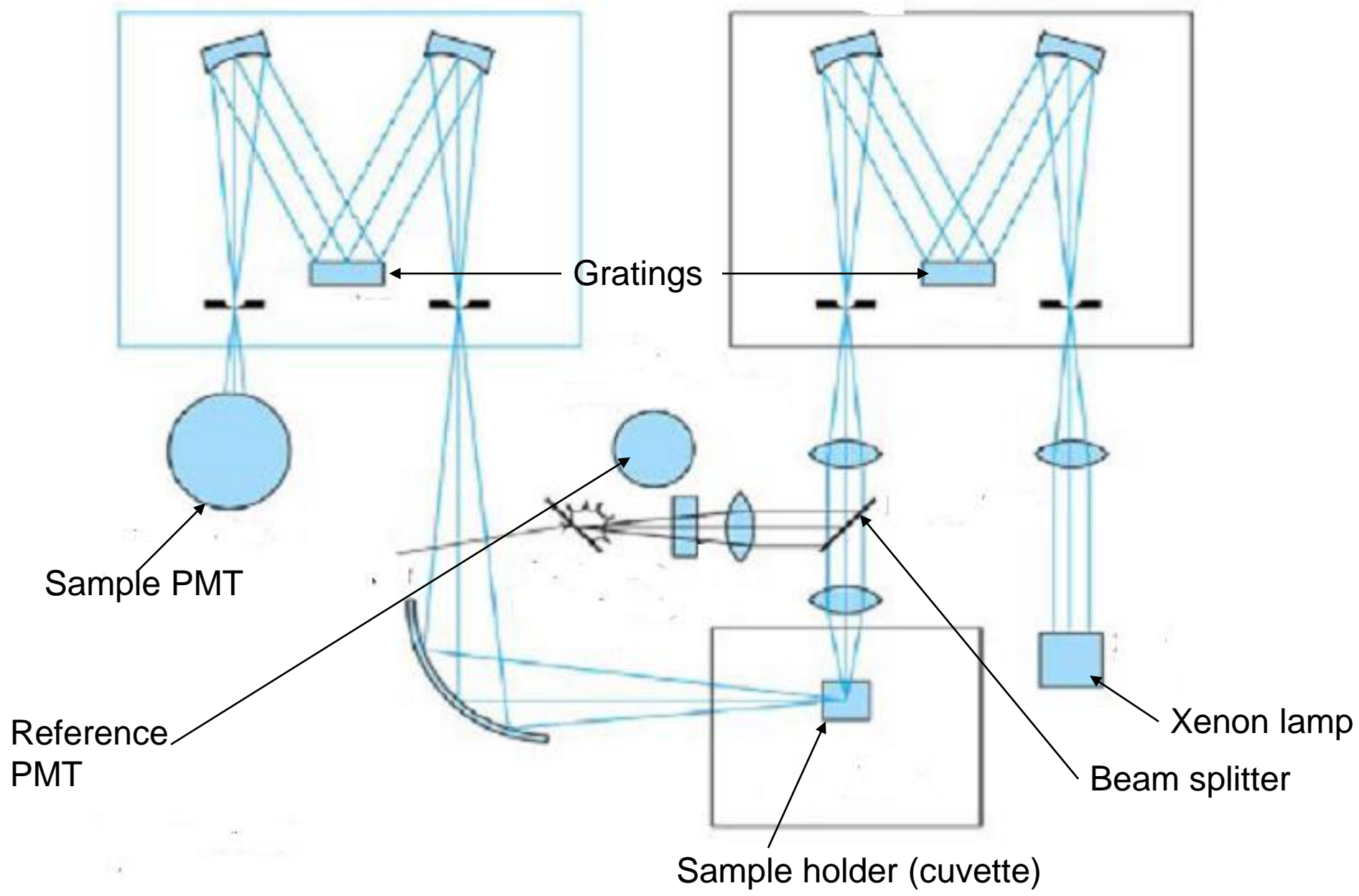




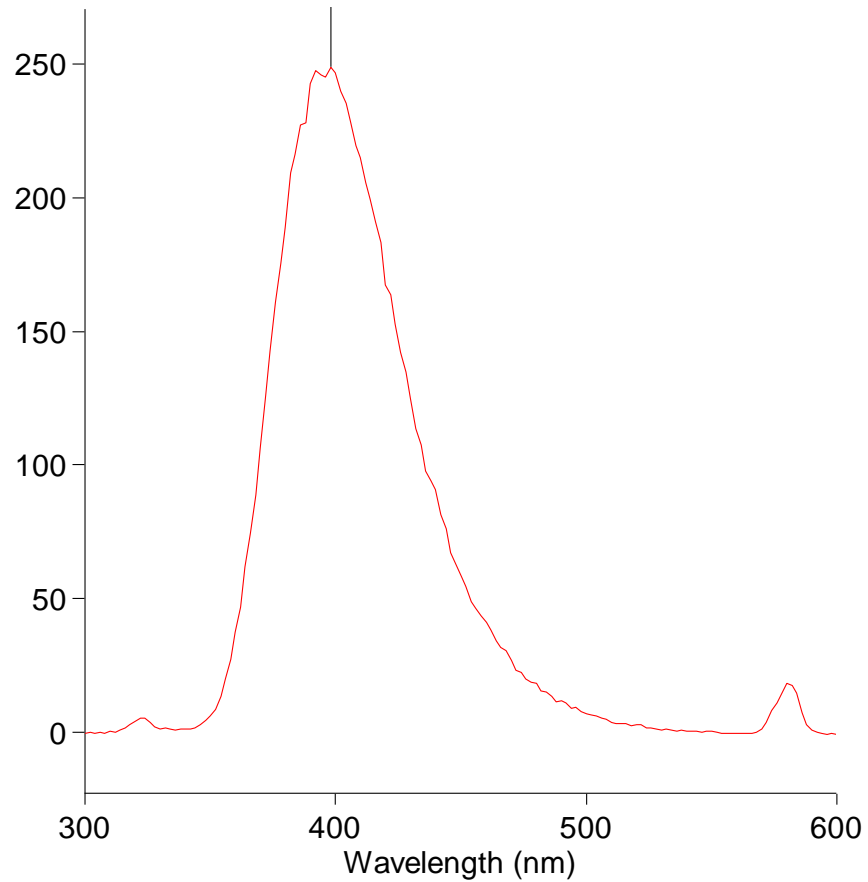


Emmission monochromator

Excitation monochromator



# Emmission Scan Eclipse Spectrofluorometer



# HPLC with Diode Array Detector



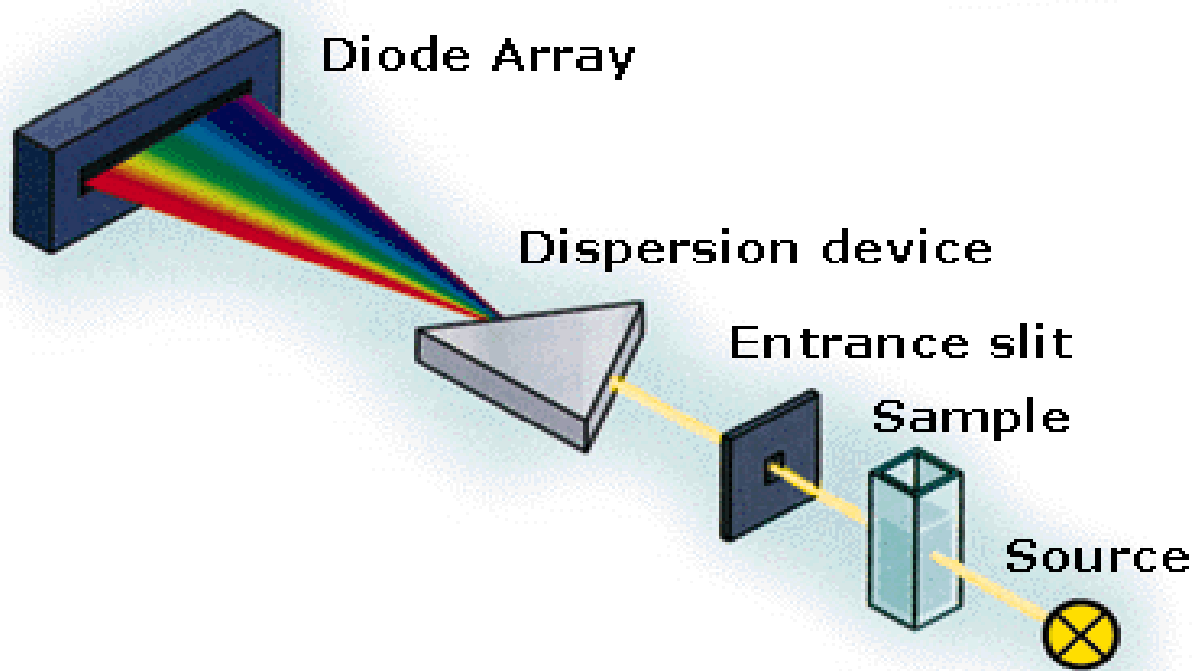
Fluorescence  
detector

Diode  
Array  
Detector

# Diode Array

- The diode array uses a **broad** emission light source
- two diode arrays and dual-pathlength flow cells.
- **All** the light is allowed to pass through the sensing cell
- and *subsequently* the light is **dispersed** by means of a **holographic grating** and
- the dispersed light allowed to fall on an **array of diodes**.

# Diode Array



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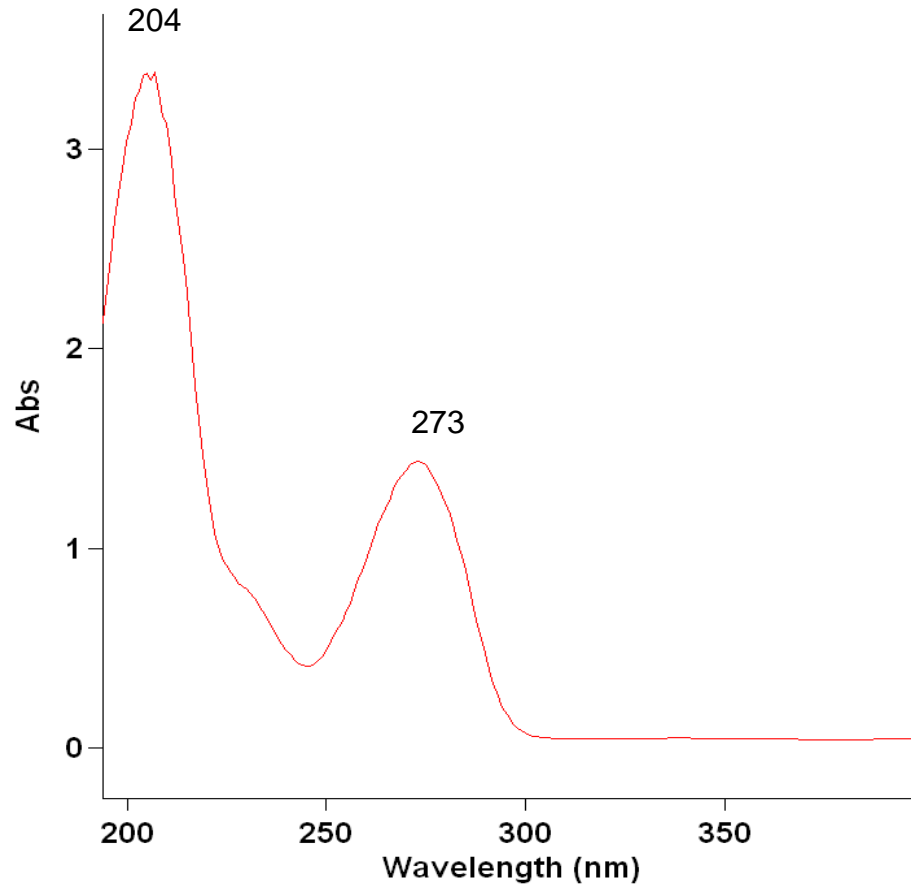
- The light (photons) generated electric charge carriers **discharges** the diode capacitor
- The amount of charge needed to **recharge** capacitors is proportional to number of photons detected by each diode, which **is proportional to light intensity.**



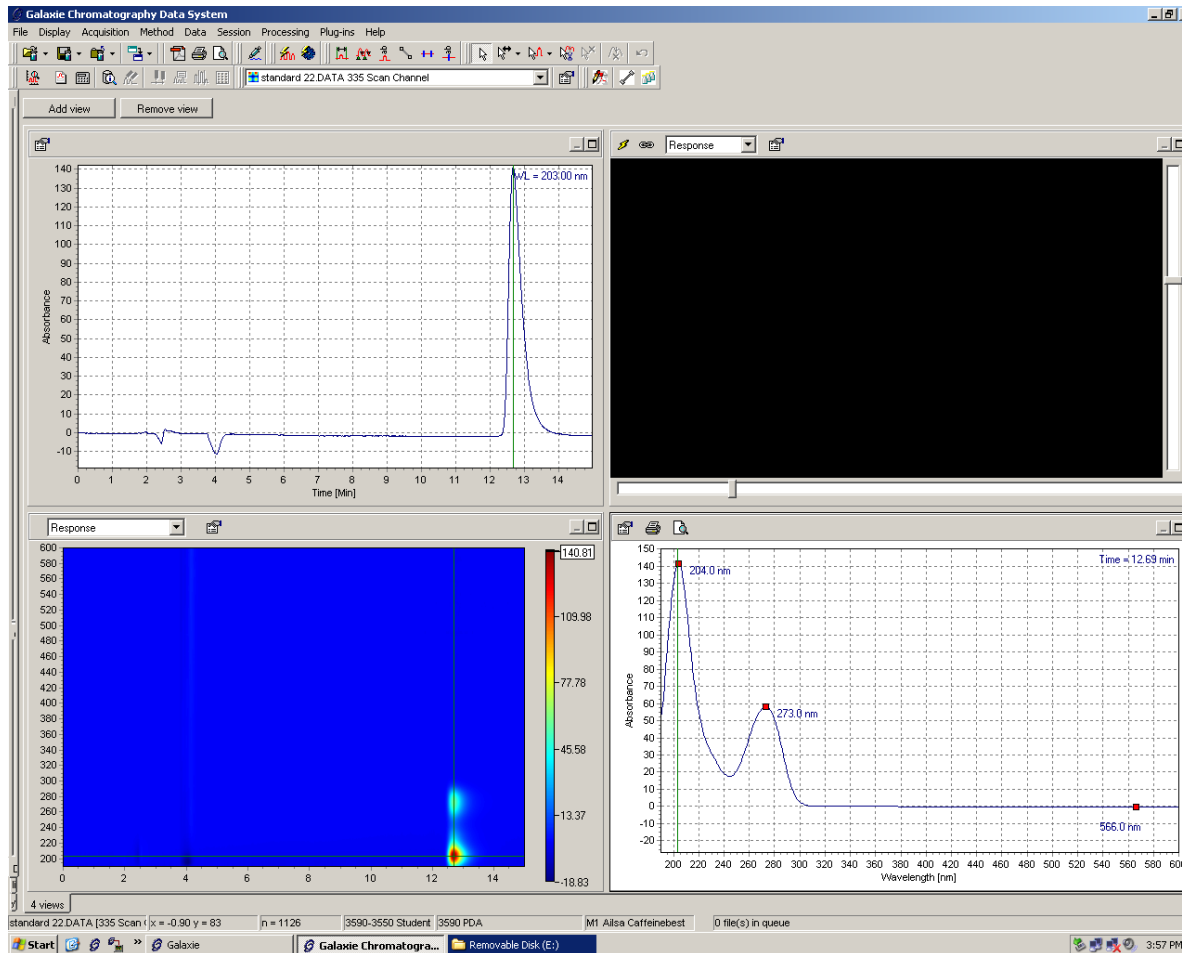
# HPLC Experiment

- Identification of **unknown** compounds by their retention time.
- Determination of **concentration** by use of
  - 1) external standard curve,
  - 2) internal standard or standard
  - 3) or standard addition.

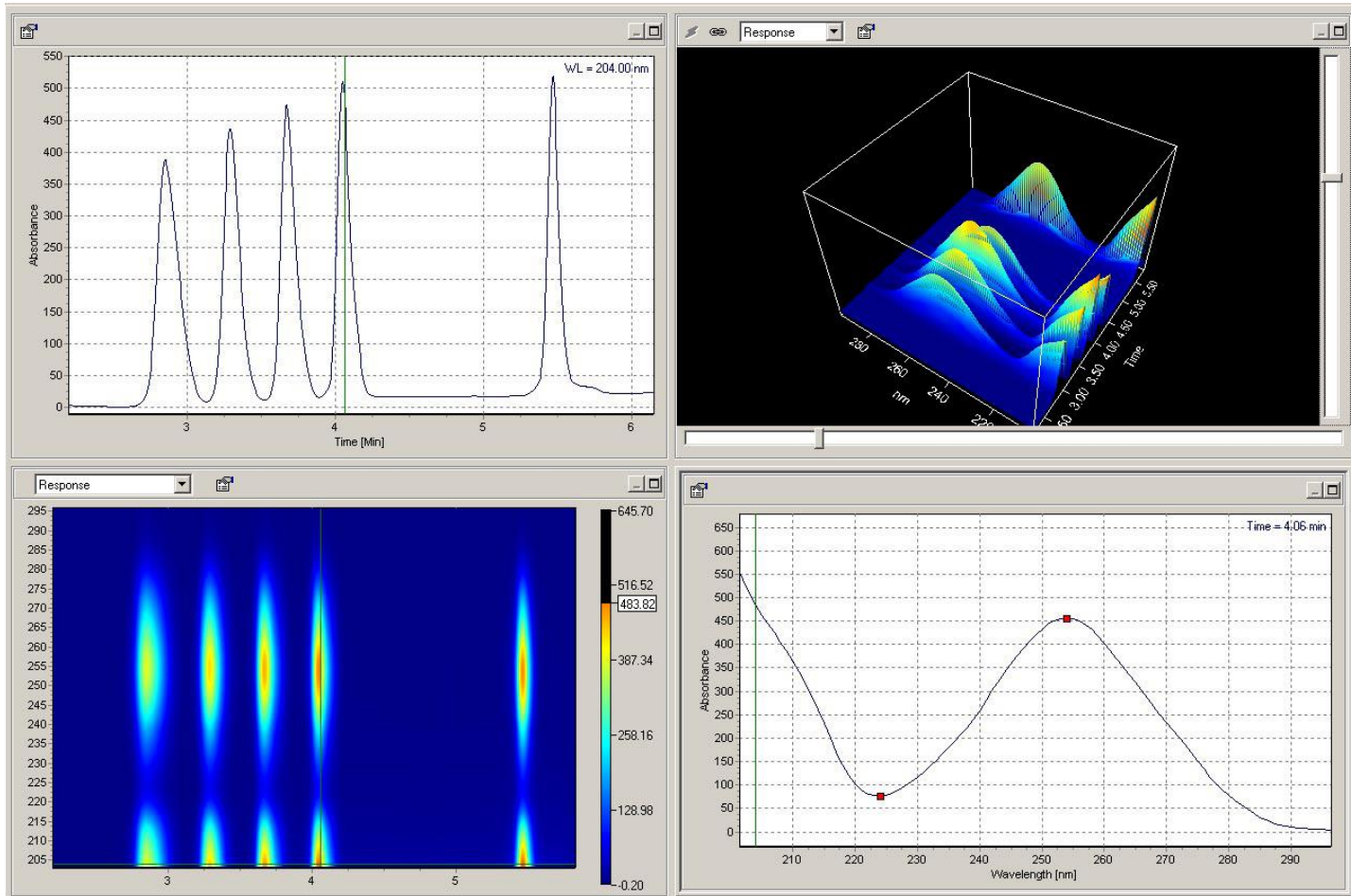
# Cary 50 Scan Caffeine



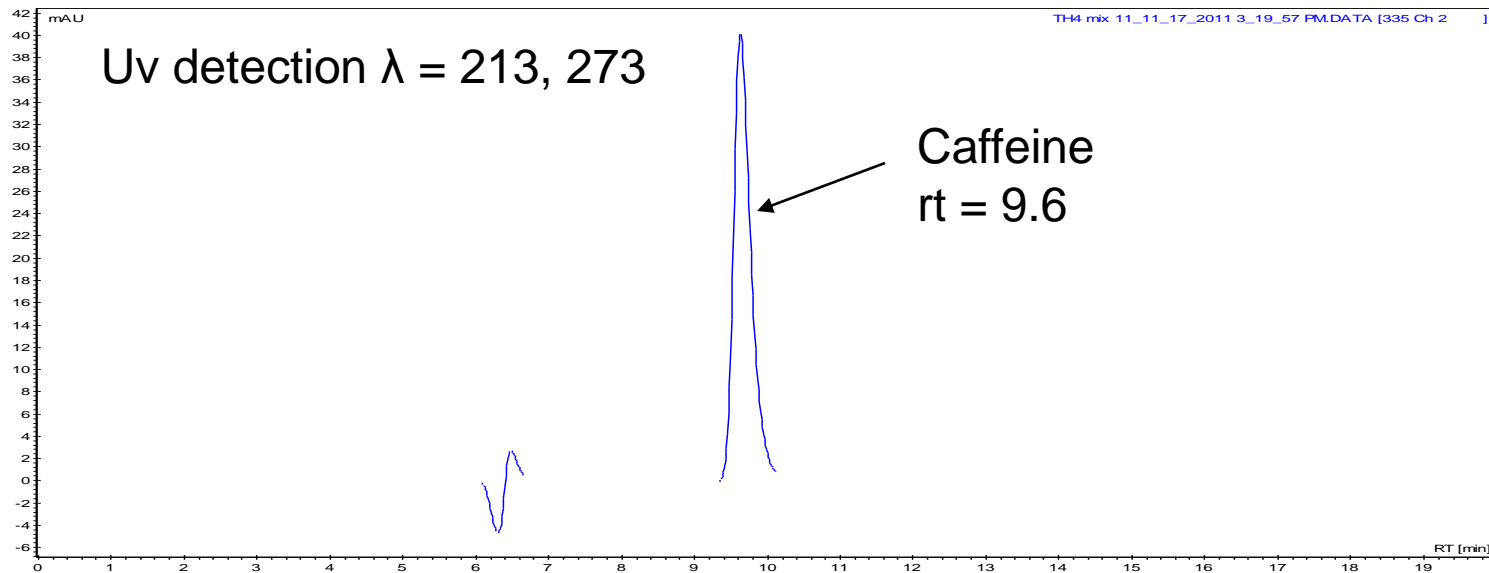
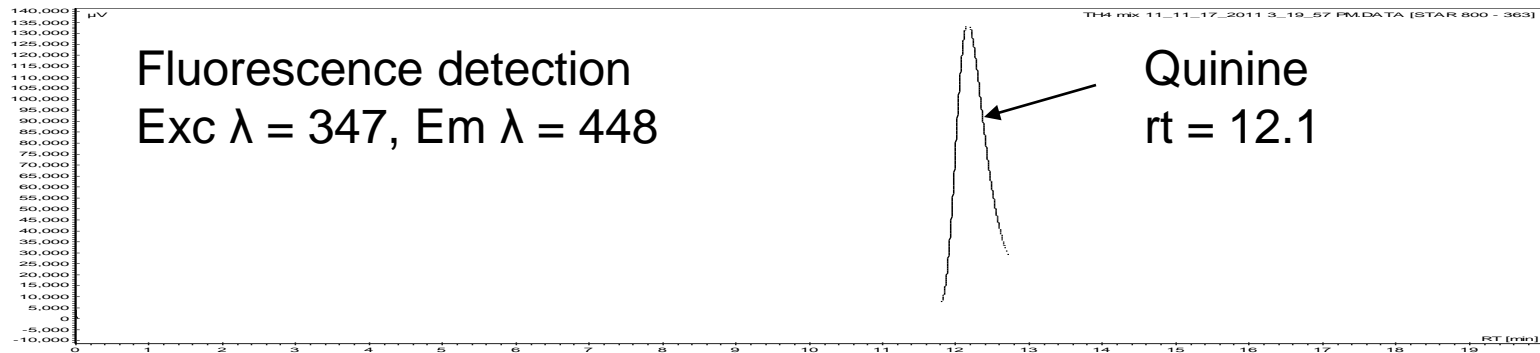
# Diode Array Screen



# Four view display shows the chromatogram, 3D, absorbance and spectrum plots



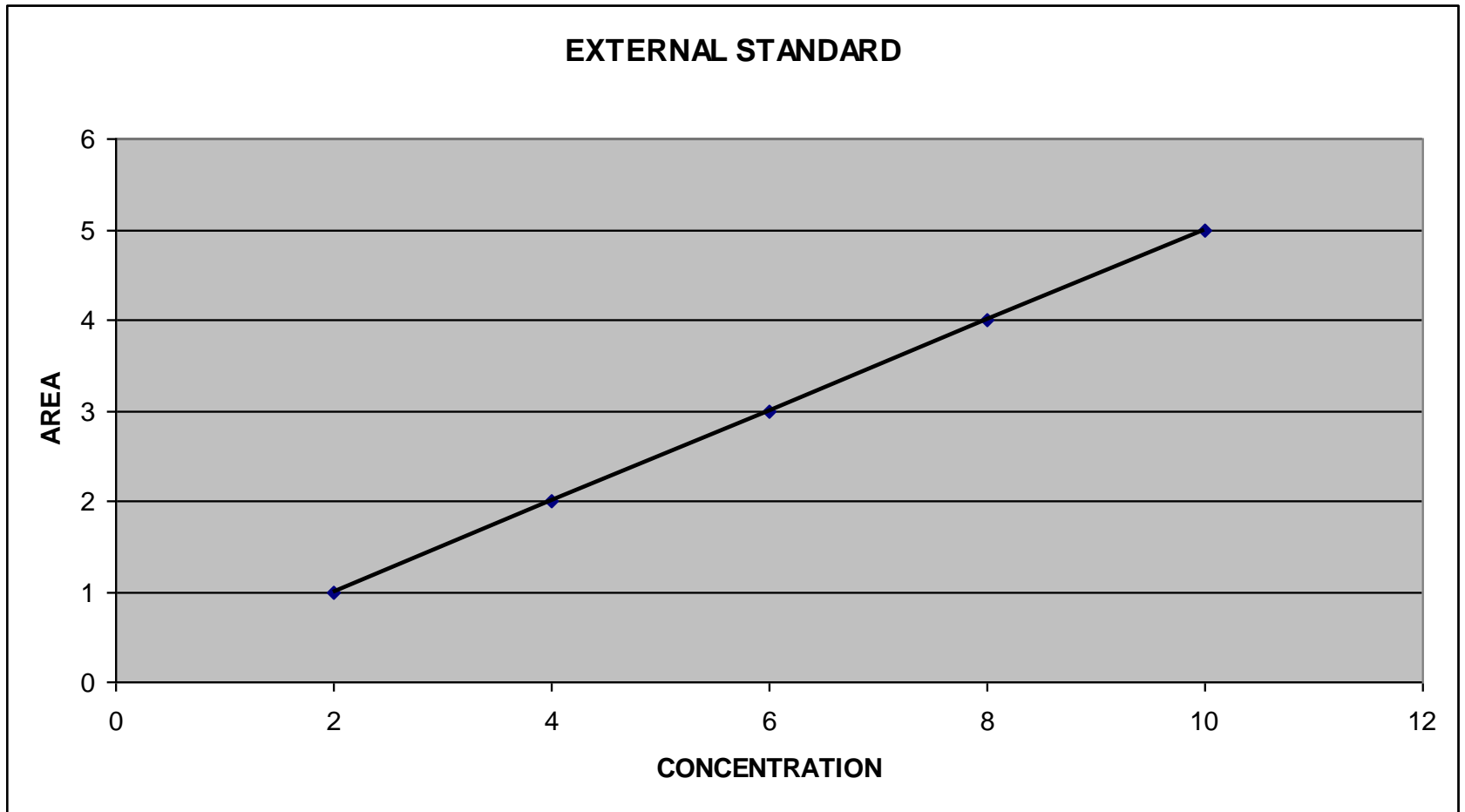
# Quinine and Caffeine



# HPLC Experiment - Light Sources

- **Fluorescence** detector uses **Xenon** lamp which has wavelength region of **250-600**
- The HPLC **Diode Array** uses two lamps a **deuterium lamp** with wavelengths from **160 to 380** and **tungsten halogen lamp** which covers wavelengths from **240 to 2500**.

# HPLC Experiment Concentration Determined by External Standard



# 700-ES Series Simultaneous ICP's

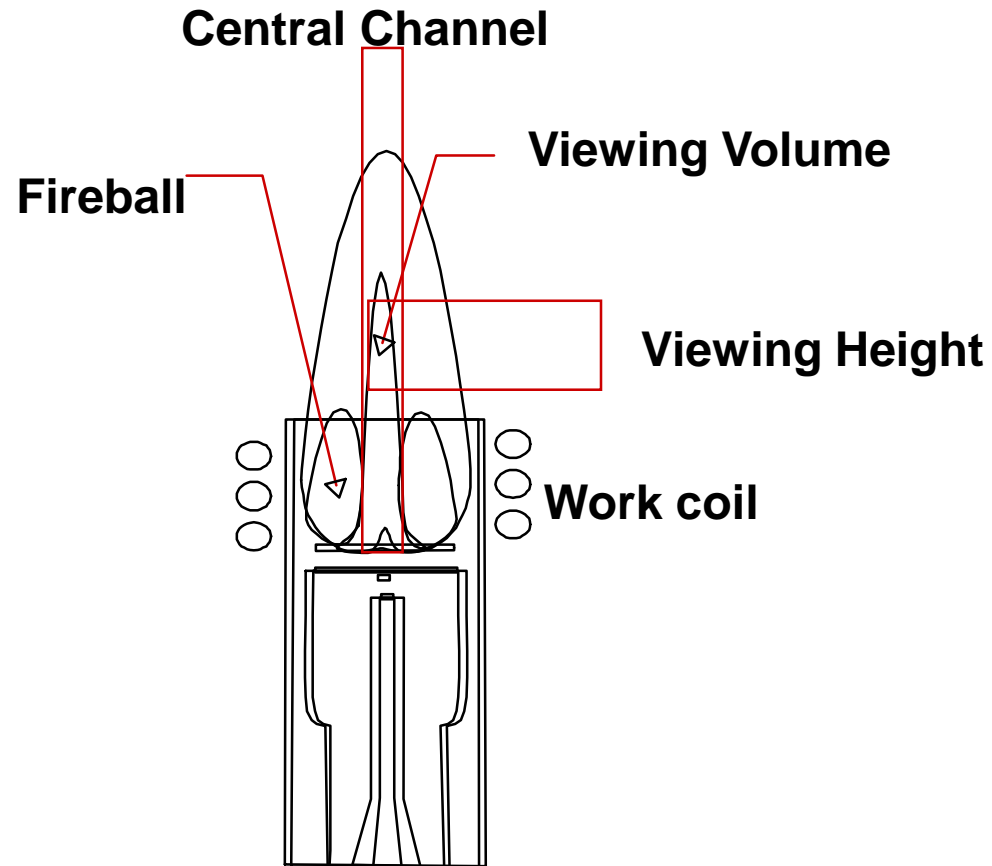




# ICP-OES Experiment

- Determine the mineral content of solid samples of:
  - Grains
  - Mining rock
  - Water
  - Feeds and foods
  - Surfaces

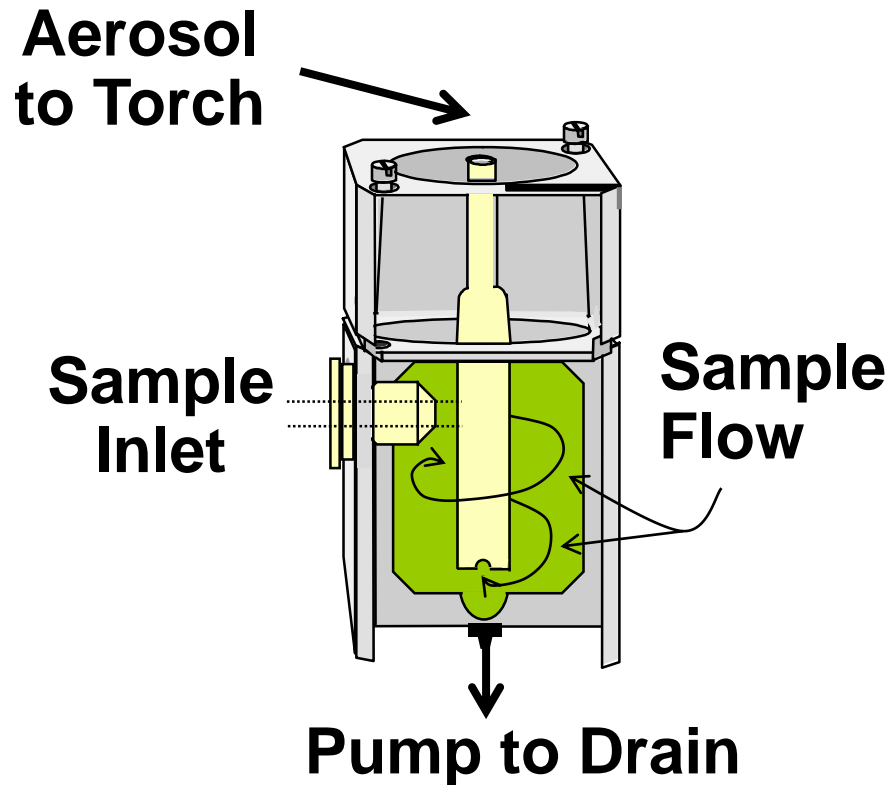
# Radial Plasma



# Spraychambers

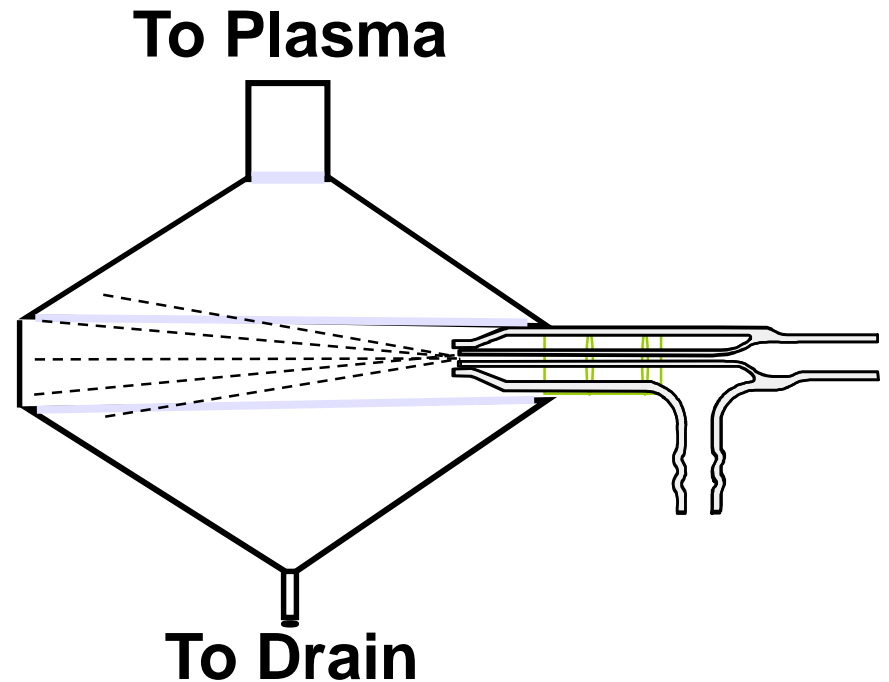
## Sturman-Masters

-double pass

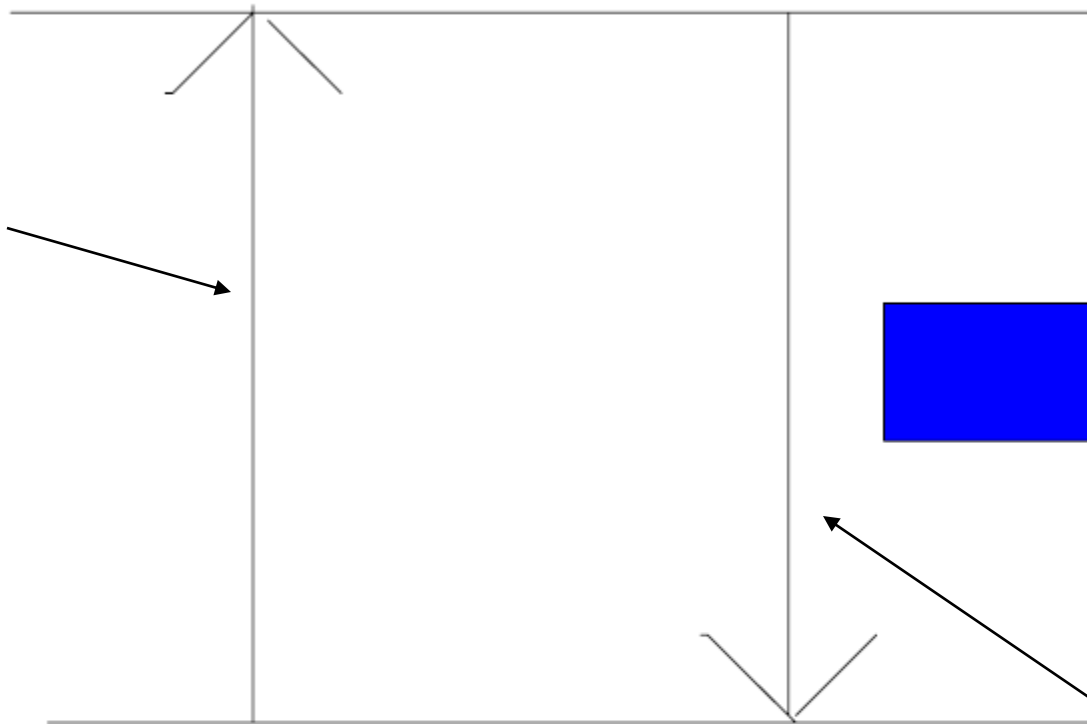


## Glass Cyclonic

- smaller volume



EXCITED STATE



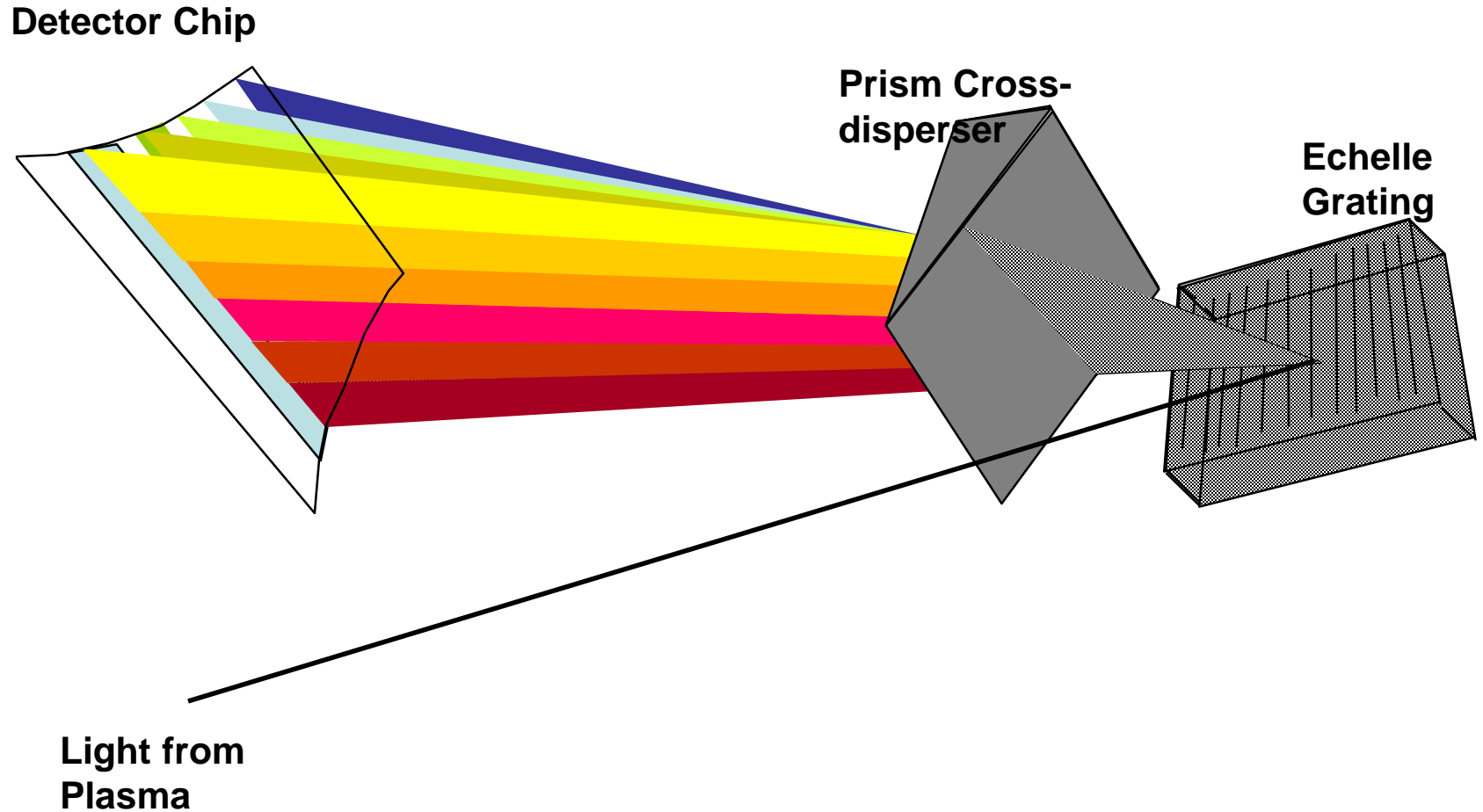
Need source  
of excitation

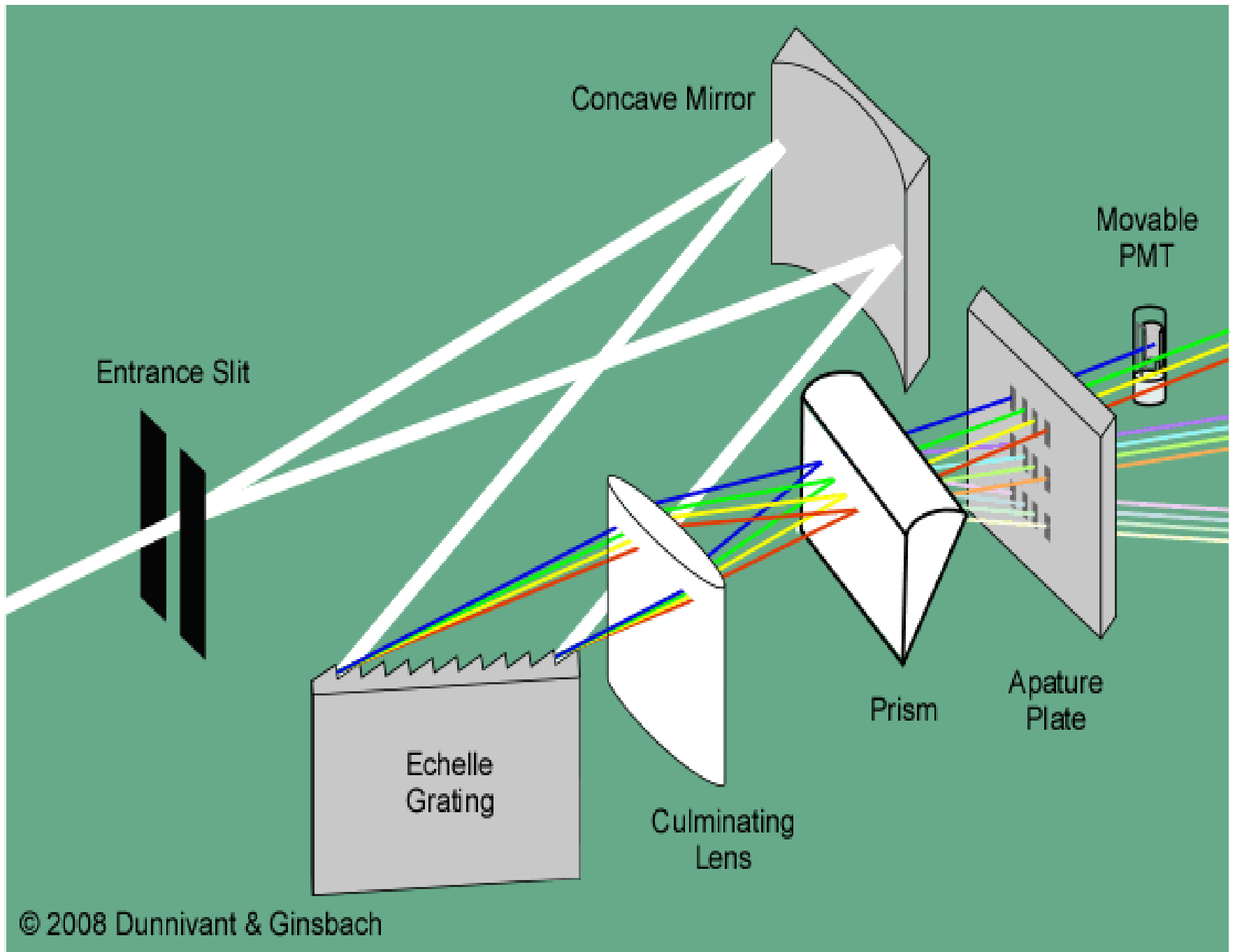
Need way of measuring  
light emission

GROUND STATE

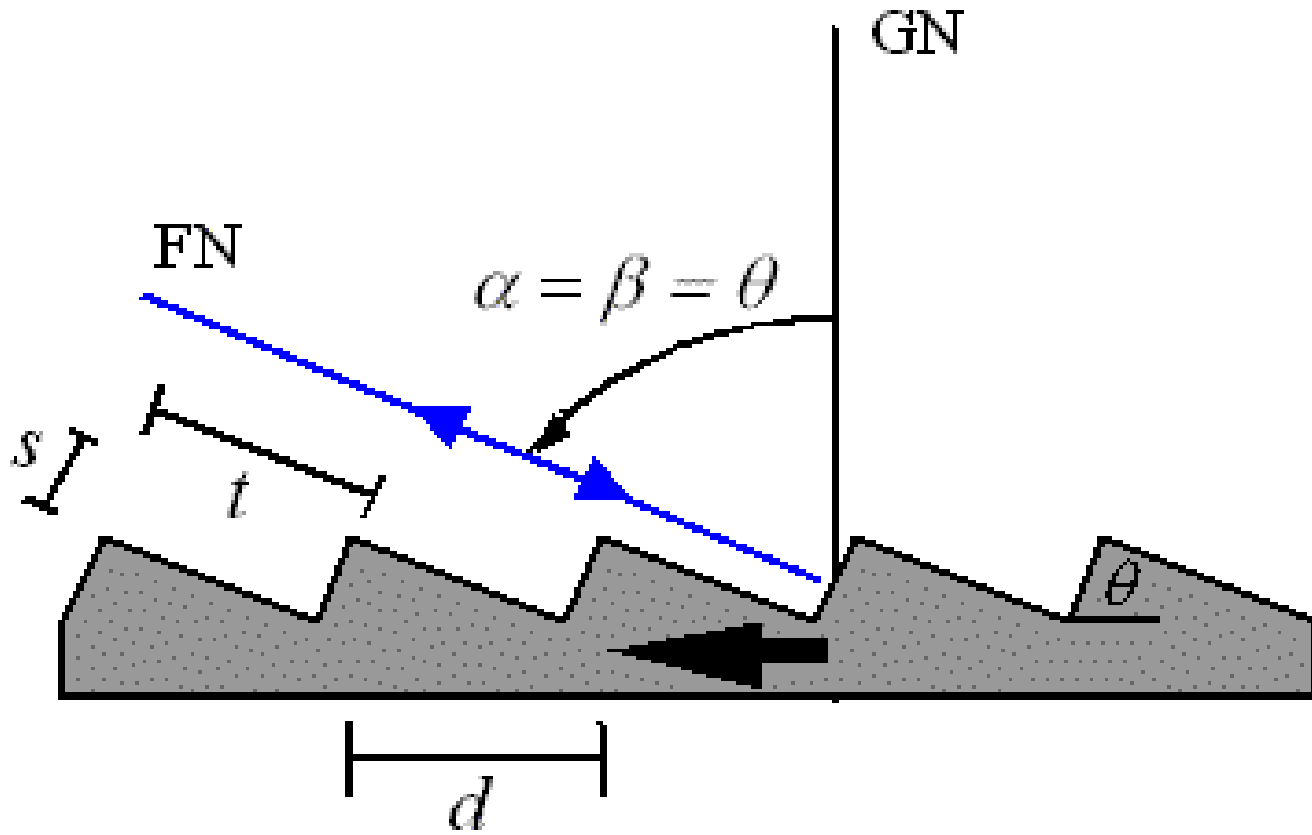
FIGURE 1. EMISSION OF RADIATION UPON RELAXATION FROM AN EXCITED STATE.

# Varian Simultaneous ICP Optics

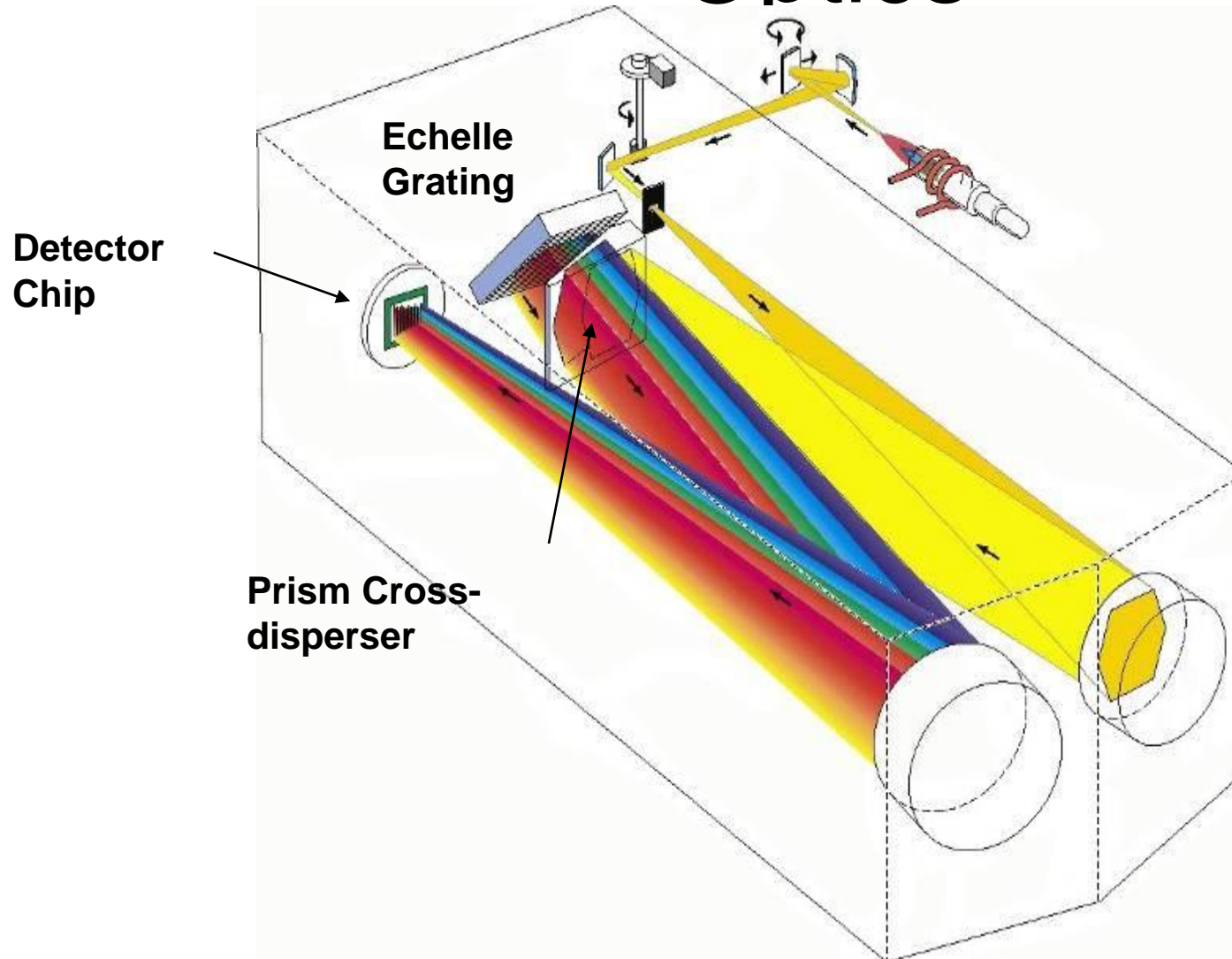




# Echelle Grating

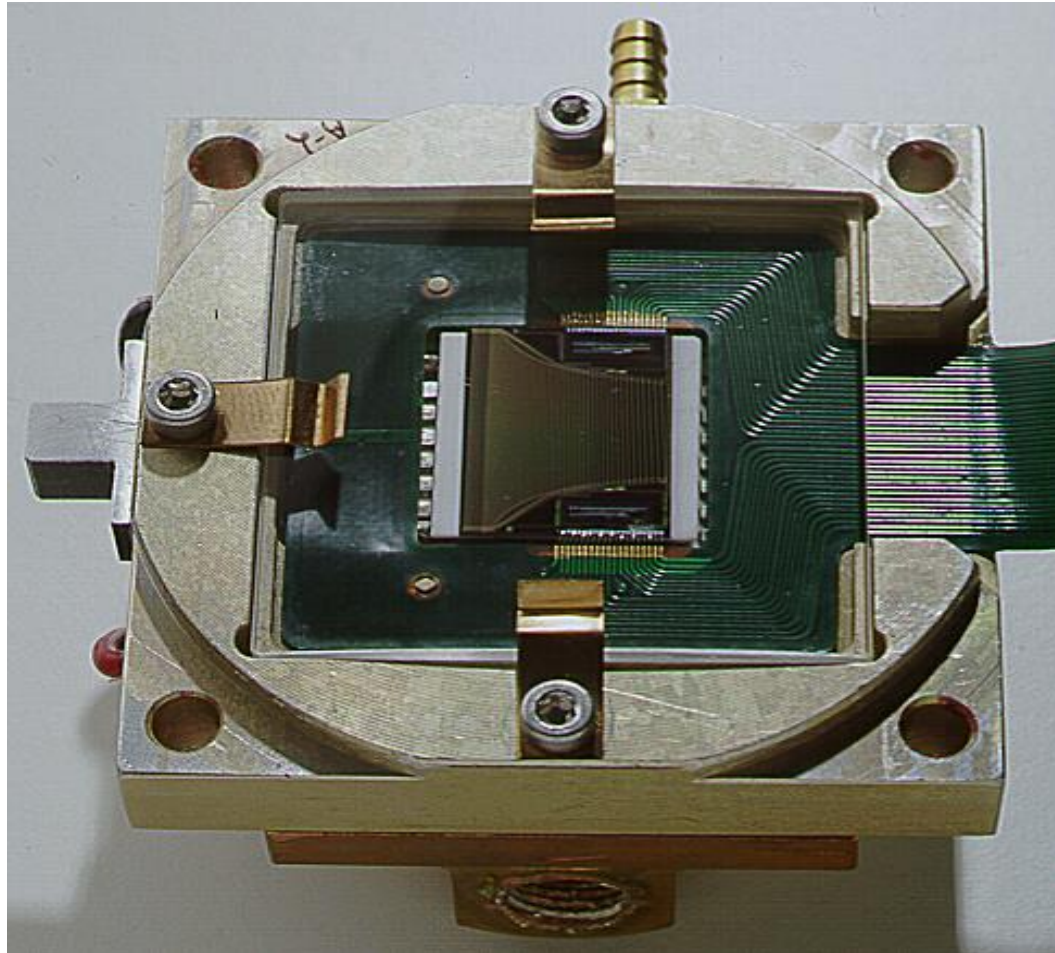


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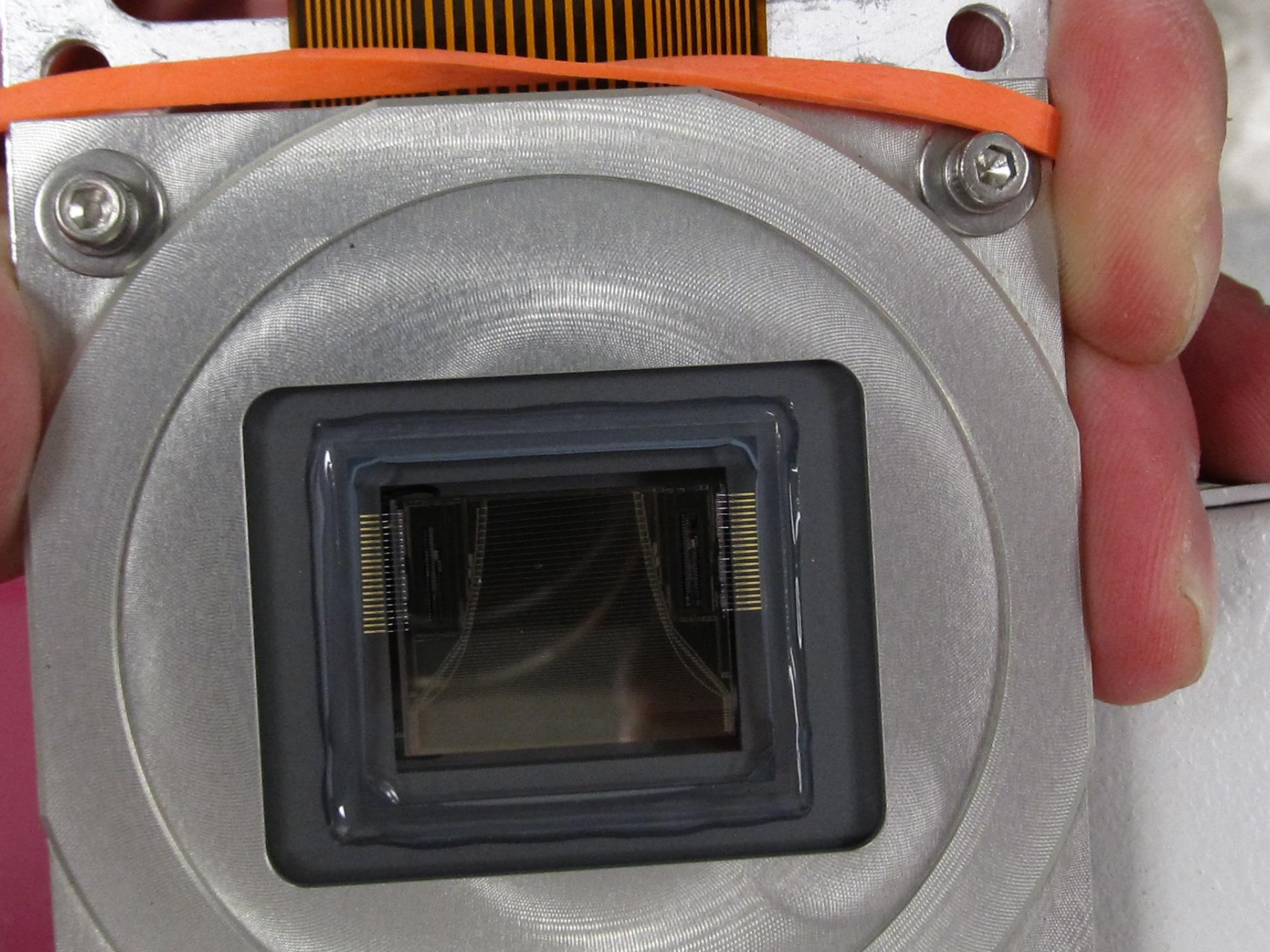


# 720-ES Series CCD Detector



# VistaChip CCD detector

- The **CCD** (charge coupled device) 70 000 pixels, arranged to exactly match the two dimensional image from the echelle optics.
- continuous wavelength coverage from 167–785 nm.
- trace and major concentrations can be measured simultaneously,



# Charged Coupled Device (CCD)

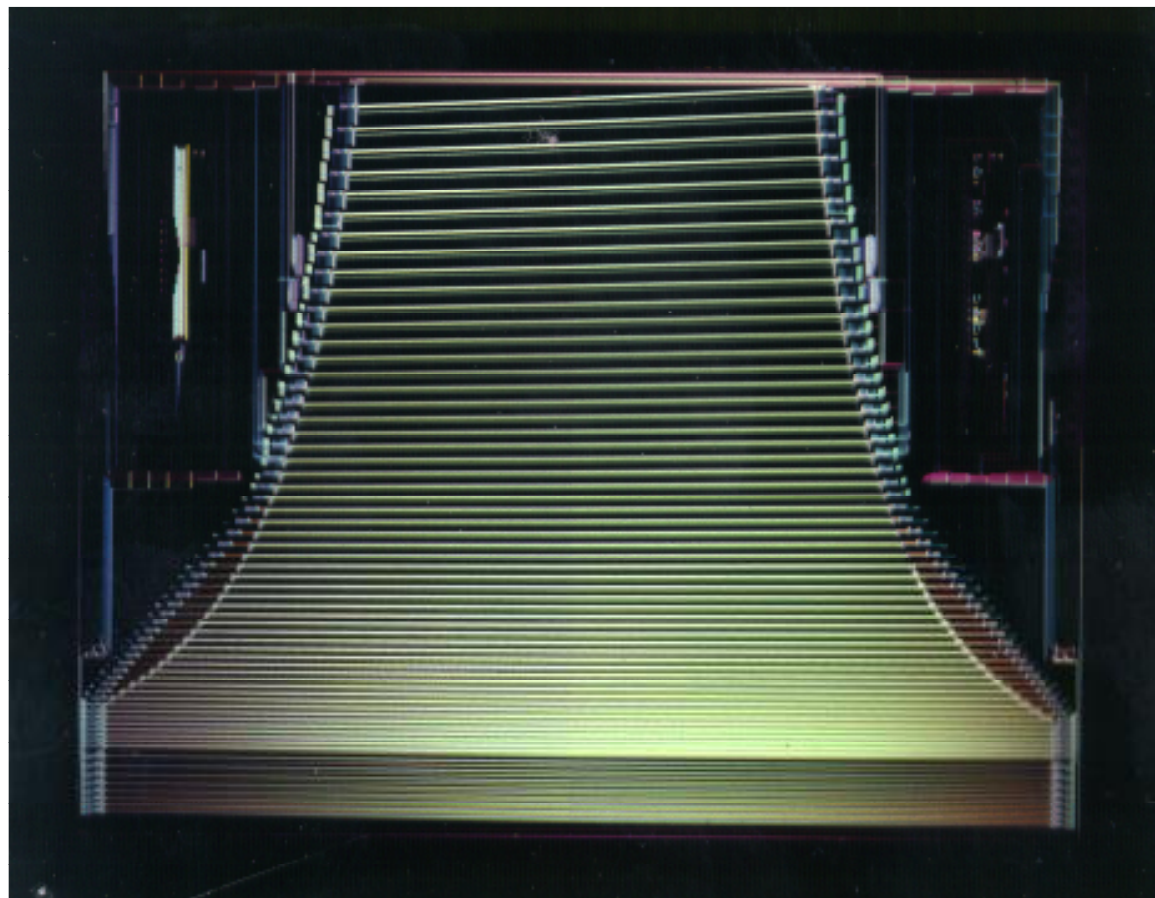
A charge coupled device (CCD) is an integrated circuit etched onto a silicon surface forming light sensitive elements called pixels. Photons incident on this surface generate charge that can be read by electronics and turned into a digital copy of the light patterns falling on the device

# 720-ES Series CCD Detector

Order 88



Order 19

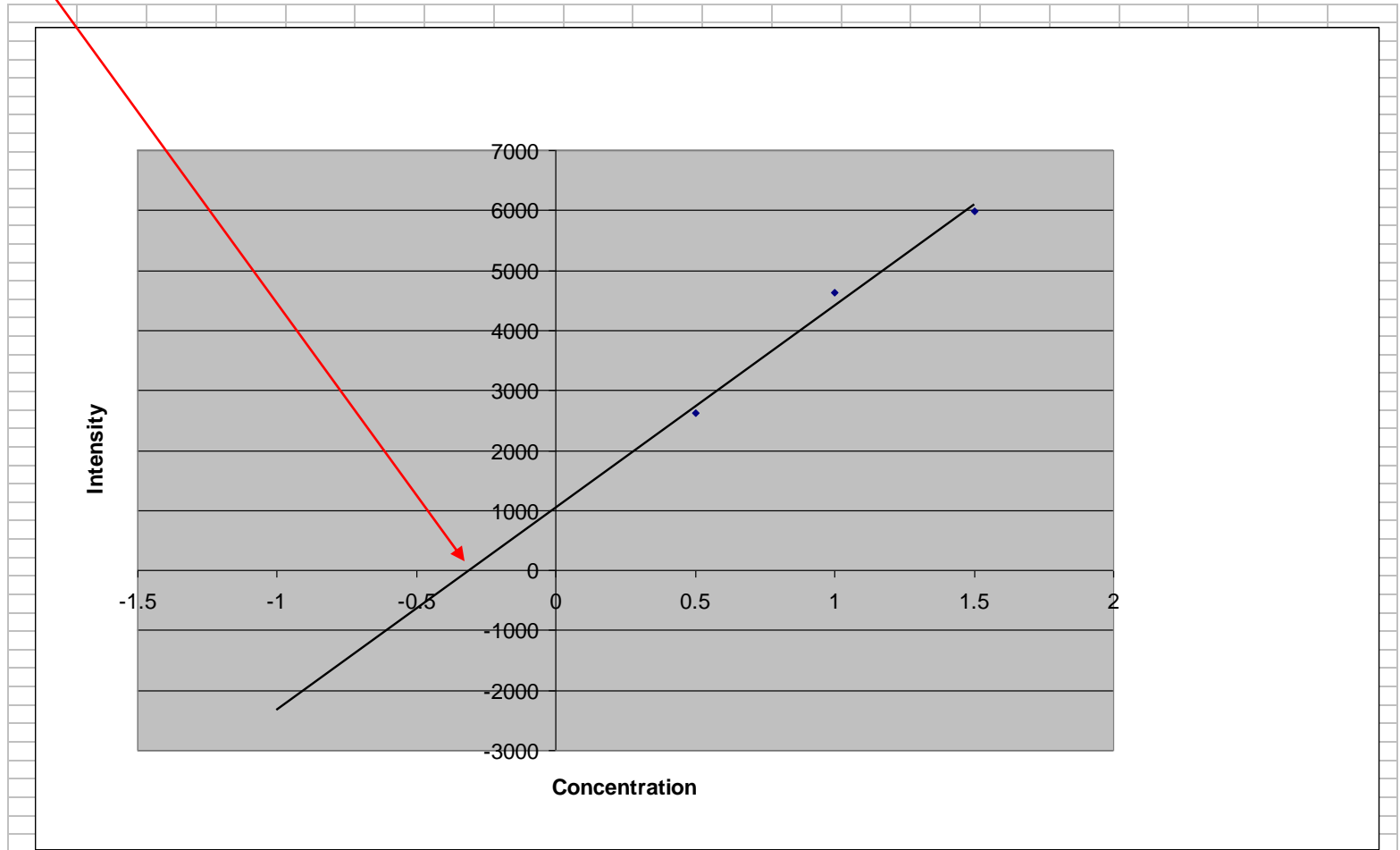


# ICP Experiment

- Determination of mineral content in commercial products (product labelling, nutrient requirements, mining).
  - Dry ashing of sample
    - Burns off organic material leaving ash (minerals)
  - Acid digestion of sample
    - Dissolves minerals or can dissolve total sample including organic material (wet ashing)
- Concentration determined by external standard, standard addition, and internal standard.

Concentration  
of unknown

# Standard Addition



### EXTERNAL STANDARD

